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SUBJECT: NAC DISCUSSION OF TURKISH NOTE RE US MILITARY
FACILITIES

REF: A) USNATO 3343; B) USNATO 3312; C)ANKARA 4822

HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. WE PREFER US NOT RPT NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN INITIATING
COUNCIL OR DPC DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TURKISH ACTIONS
AGAINST US FCILITIES, OR NATO STUDY OF POSSIBLE IMPACT
ON ALLIANCE OF SUCH ACTIONS. WE RECOGNIZE POTENTIAL VALUE

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OF ALLIED DISCUSSIONS AND/OR STUDY AS A DISPLAY OF CONCERN

WHICH COULD (A) DEMONSTRATE TO CONGRESS THAT TURKISH ACTIONS COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON NATO DEFENSES; (B) HAVE HELPFUL FEEDBACK WITH THE TURKISH MILITARY; AND (C) SERVE AS A STIMULUS FOR ALLIES TO RESPOND TO TURKISH REQUESTS FOR BILATERAL HELP IN OVERCOMING SHORTAGES IN ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. AT SAME TIME, IMPACT ON CONGRESS AND TURKISH MILITARY IS MOST DIFFICULT TO PREDICT. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO FAVOR HELP FROM OTHER ALLIES IN FILLING THE GAP CAUSED BY US CUTOFF, WE DO NOT RPT NOT WANT TO BE ACTIVISTS AT PRESENT TIME IN PRESSURING ALLIES TO TAKE SUCH STEPS. ON QUESTION OF ALLIED STUDY OF POTENTIAL IMPACT ON NATO

OF TURKISH ACTIONS, IT SEEMS TO US THAT SUCH STUDY COULD POSE PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF ANTICIPATING ACTIONS NOT YET TAKEN, AND IN DESCRIBING VALUE TO NATO OF INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING FACILITIES.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND US RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED TURKISH STATEMENT AT JUNE 25 NAC ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: QTE THE US APPRECIATES THAT THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE HAS GIVEN FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF THE STEPS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY CONTEMPLATES TAKING CONCERNING MUTUAL SECURITY FACILITIES IN TURKEY. RAISING THIS MATTER IN THE COUNCIL IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE POSITION EARLIER TAKEN BY TURKEY THAT MEASURES TAKEN BY ALLIED COUNTRIES THAT AFFECT MUTUAL SECURITY ARE A MATTER OF COMMON CONCERN. THE US IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ANY INTERRUPTION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF MUTUAL SECURITY FACILITIES IN TURKEY. THESE FACILITIES ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THEIR MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS, AND CONTRIBUTE TO COMMON ALLIED DEFENSE. END QTE KISSINGER

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